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All entries must be postmarked by March 10, 2014. We pick winners based on the best entry for each grade level – so do your best!

Describe how you have demonstrated leadership ability both in and out of school. (This is a potential college application question. Do your best work to practice!)

Essay on separate paper!

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Leadership Ability

When I think of leadership, I think of this quote by Jack Welch. "Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others." I feel this is true with me and others. I had to grow up and find my way and then after I did, had the opportunity to help others and show them their way.

The ways I have showed leadership at my high school are through basketball and student council. I have played basketball for thirteen years. Through those years I developed into a basketball player, learning the game, what it meant to be a great teammate, hard work, and dedication. My junior and senior years I stepped up and took the role of being a leader. I knew and experienced the high school role of a basketball player. I did my best to show the underclassmen how we act on and off of the court. I was a captain my senior year and during games it was my duty or leadership skills to make sure my teammates knew what play we were running and what defense we were in. I showed and talked to my team about keeping our heads when the game got heated and to represent our school and show good sportsmanship. At practices my teammates knew they could come to me with any questions they would have. At the beginning of the season I made a list of team goals for our team to strive to reach for. Leadership

was about being there for your teammates and setting a good example for them. Not being scared to take control in a positive manner to make your team better.

In student council I am the treasurer for my grade. I go to meetings and help plan activities, fundraisers, and graduation ideas. I keep track of the money records and have to be responsible. I reach out to the kids in my grade to see what they expect us to do for them, what they would like to see us accomplish, and what they expect for graduation. I try to imply their ideas into our meetings to find the most positive benefit for our senior class. I am one of the main voices for the senior class and hope to represent them in the best way possible.

My leadership ability out of school is associated with 4-H. I am a ten year member and been the secretary and reporter for my club for three years. I help lead our meetings once a month. I am one of the oldest in the club so it's my duty to be there for the other members and to serve them to the best of my ability. I do demonstrations of possible projects, community service, take attendance, and call the members of our club to remind them of upcoming events, and say and write down the meeting minutes. I send in our minutes into the local newspaper so the community knows about our work. This shows great leadership all around for the club and community.

Throughout my high school career I believe I have showed leadership ability. I try my best to show my teammates, class, and club positive leadership skills for others to follow. Leadership starts small and gets bigger. Anyone can be a leader in a positive way; they have to grow and learn first and then strive to help grow others. It is a great feelings and I love being a leader.